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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1-13-54

WEATHER Mild weather prevailed until the weekend, when a change to colder overspread the State. This brought below zero temperatures to the northeast and extreme east, but the cold was not so severe in the west, where lows were mostly 5° to 10° above zero. A little light snow fell in the southwest and the southern portions of the Panhandle Saturday and Saturday night, but the remainder of the State received no moisture. Several days were rather windy.

December was mild, with considerably above normal precipitation in the east and central and nearly normal in the west. Heavy snow fell early in the month over the central portion of the State, freezing rain in the northeast, and rain in the southeast. After the 5th the month was dry except for some light snows in the Panhandle. Sunshine was abundant.

CROPS Most of the comments on winter wheat during the past week have been favorable. The top soil is a little dry. Some wheat in western Nebraska is still being pastured by lambs. A good snow covering would be favorable for wheat.

More hay is available for sale owing to the favorable open winter up to last weekend, which has reduced the demand for hay. Prices are a little lower, but range from \$15 to \$30 a ton. Some hay is available in extreme northwestern Nebraska for which there has been no demand to date. Some counties in southern Nebraska are a little short of hay and forage.

Some lime is being applied to the soil much earlier than usual this year. There seems to be increasing interest in testing soil. Considerable seed is being tested for spring planting. There is a good demand for seed oats and barley.

Generally the farm labor supply is more than ample. Open winter has enabled the farmers to do much of their own work. Rental land is scarce. Farm sales of personal property have been good.

Alfalfa seed has been selling around \$18 to \$19 a hundred pounds or about \$11 less than last year. Sweet clover seed has been selling around \$8 or about a dollar less than last year. Marketing of seed crops has been slower this season.

Farm land prices in Nebraska decreased 2% July to November and 7% for the year ending November. The average decrease in the U. S. for the past year has been 6%. Land prices in Nebraska increased to a maximum of 126% from the average of prices 1935 to 1939 inclusive, or 1½ times greater and the increase of the U. S. of nearly 1½ times that of the 1935-39 level.

LIVESTOCK Comments generally indicate that cattle in feed lots have made much better gains this season than last. Weather conditions over most of the State had been very favorable for feeding. One example of feeding returns comes from western Nebraska, where poor grade of feeder cattle were purchased for 10¢ to 12¢ and selling around 18¢ to 22¢, making a good profit. There is a good demand for feeder pigs and increased interest in pork production in response to the high price level.

Shipments of cattle to country points July through November were down 29% in Nebraska and down 20% for the Corn Belt States. Shipments of feeder sheep and lambs to Nebraska points were down 13% July to November and down 23% for the Corn Belt States.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10, 1954

Eastern Division

Central Division

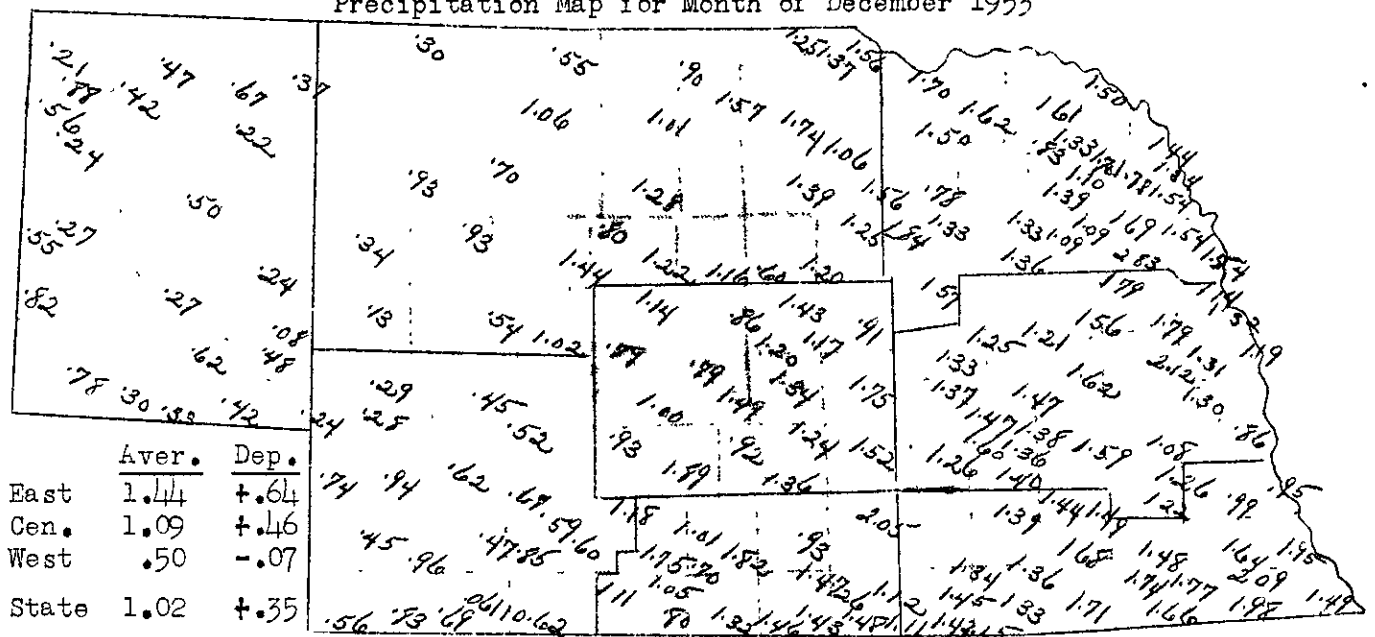
Western Division

No Precipitation reported in Eastern & Central Divisions

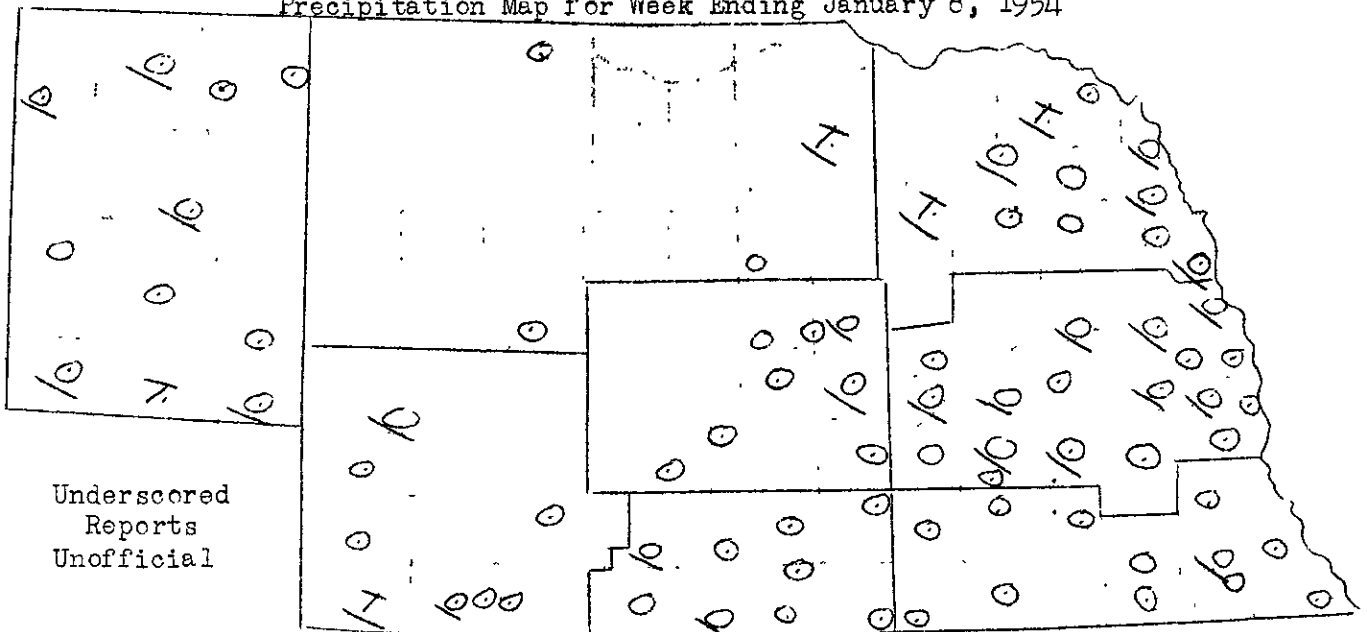
Chadron	0
Imperial	.03
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	.10

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Precipitation Map for Month of December 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 8, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		January		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	47	25	55	22	61	25	55	28	46	9	--	4	41	16		
	Scottsbluff	48	33	57	24	65	26	60	24	47	20	--	13	40	16		
	Sidney	48	27	57	24	65	28	67	28	45	17	--	2	36	16		
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	48	25	43	25	35	15	22	1	37	19		
	Valentine	45	29	46	27	63	32	47	22	39	3	20	0	41	16		
NE	Norfolk	41	22	45	12	45	20	42	20	33	9	15	-5	31	12		
	Sioux City	43	18	48	12	42	18	37	22	36	7	15	-5	30	10		
CEN.	Grand Island	46	28	50	20	47	24	48	24	42	18	25	3	33	19		
	Lexington	44	28	49	24	48	26	45	25	43	21	--	6	39	19		
E-C	Lincoln	47	29	54	18	45	24	47	27	47	15	24	-1	26	18		
	Omaha	45	22	50	17	41	20	46	31	46	13	21	-1	25	16		
SW	Imperial	48	28	55	22	62	--	57	26	50	23	--	5	36	19		
	North Platte	47	20	54	21	57	26	51	23	44	20	27	6	41	14		